

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 6, 7 and 9-18 and amend Claims 1 and 8 as follows:

1. (Amended) A process of producing a vehicle grille guard formed as one component, the process comprising the steps of:

injecting a plastic resin into a mold cavity in an amount less than the total volume of said mold cavity;

injecting an inert gas into a center portion of said cavity; and

*A1* forming a hollow gas channel extending throughout said center portion, forcing said plastic resin to flow along an outer surface of said cavity;

wherein said grille guard obtains a substantially smooth exterior surface as said resin flows along said outer surface of said cavity.

*A2* ~~6,8.~~ (Amended) The process according to Claim [7] 1, wherein said vehicle grille guard further comprises brush guard components.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the Abstract of the Disclosure and replace it with the new Abstract of the Disclosure which is included with this Amendment on a separate sheet of paper pursuant to MPEP 608.01(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b).

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 8 remain pending in the present application. Claims 6, 7 and withdrawn. Claims 9-18 have been canceled. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed.